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Dear *Candlelight Reflections* Participant,

I am very excited about the upcoming 2006 *Candlelight Reflections* initiative—a partnership of the NC Family Caregiver Support Program and the NC Alzheimer's Support Network. This type of unified, collaborative approach will help raise public awareness and strengthen statewide efforts to support family caregivers of persons with debilitating conditions, including those living with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.

The enclosed *Candlelight Reflections* toolkit was developed by a team of dedicated professionals from organizations across the state. I hope you will find these suggestions and resources helpful and that they will serve as valuable tools to aid in developing your own local *Candlelight Reflections*.

If you need more information or further assistance, please contact any of the following *Candlelight Reflections* supporters:

- ✓ The *Candlelight Reflections* founders— NC Alzheimer's Association:
Eastern North Carolina Chapter (919) 832-3732 or www.alznc.org
Western Carolina Chapter (704) 532-7392 or www.alz-nc.org;
- ✓ Duke Bryan Alzheimer's Disease Research Center African-American Community Outreach Program 1-866-444-2372; and/or
- ✓ Your local Area Agency on Aging Family Caregiver Resource Specialists: a list can be found at www.dhhs.state.nc.us/aging/fcaregr/fcjobs.htm or call the NC Division of Aging and Adult Services at (919) 733-3983.

We greatly appreciate your commitment and dedication to help make the 2006 *Candlelight Reflections* a success and for investing the time and effort *to honor, hope, and remember* all family caregivers and Alzheimer's families throughout North Carolina.

Sincerely,
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dennis W. Streets".

Dennis W. Streets